

HALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT ON THE HEALTH

OF

HALE URBAN DISTRICT

FOR

THE YEAR - 1967

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HALE    URBAN    DISTRICT    COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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Senior Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent

Additional Public Health Inspector  
R. MORTIMER, M.R.S.H., Dip.P.H.I.E.B., Dip.S.I.  
(From 1st September)  
K. BURY, M.R.S.H., C.S.I.B.  
(To 31st May)

MISS H. GODDARD  
Clerk Typist

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

## 1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Statute Acres) ... ..	2,264
Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate, 1967) ... ..	16,270
Population (Census 1961) ... ..	14,800
Number of Inhabited Houses (Per Rate Books 1967) ... ..	5,400
Number of dwellings occupied by one private family (1961) ... ..	4,925
Rateable Value (1st April, 1968) ... ..	£743,959
Sum represented by a penny rate (1st April, 1968) ... ..	£3,050
Rate in the Pound (1st April, 1968)... ..	14/8d.

## 2. VITAL STATISTICS.

	Males	Females	Total
Live-Births - Legitimate ... ..	115	88	203
Illegitimate ... ..	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
	121	89	210
Live Birth-Rate (uncorrected) ... ..			12.9
Comparability Factor (Births) ... ..			1.06
*Standardised Live Birth-Rate corrected for comparability factor ... ..			13.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births ... ..			3.3
	Males	Females	Total
Stillbirths - Legitimate ... ..	1	3	4
Illegitimate ... ..	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	1	3	4
Still-Birth Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths ... ..			19
	Males	Females	Total
Total Live and Still-Births ... ..	122	92	214
Total Deaths of Infants under one year of age ... ..			3
Total Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age ... ..			2
Total Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age ... ..			2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births ... ..			14.3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births ... ..			19.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... ..			NIL
Neo-mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ... ..			13.2
Early Neo-mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ... ..			13.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) ... ..			28
Maternal Deaths (including abortion) ... ..			NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion) per 1,000 total live and stillbirths ... ..			NIL
	Males	Females	Total
Deaths ... ..	83	80	163
Comparability Factor (Deaths)... ..			0.91
Crude Death Rate ... ..			10.0
*Standardised Death-Rate corrected for comparability factor ... ..			9.1

\*The standardised birth and death rate are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a fairer comparison with that of other areas.

"Halecroft",  
Hale Road,  
H A L E,  
Cheshire.

To the Chairman & Members of the Hale Urban District Council,  
Madam Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the health and sanitary circumstances of the district for the year 1967. During the year in question, Dr. E. H. Gordon was of course your Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W. DAVIDSON-LAMB,

Medical Officer of Health.

## BIRTHS

1967 Figures      Boys-121;    Girls- 89;    Total- 210

1966 Figures      "    140;      "    101;      "    241

When corrected with the comparability factor\* (1.06) the birth-rate for Hale for the year was 13.7 as compared with a provisional figure of 17.2 for England and Wales.

The number of births was below last years figure of 241, and the 1963 record figure of 274.

## INFANT MORTALITY

Three deaths occurred among children under one year of age during 1967 as compared with four the previous year.

The following tables give the infant mortality figures for this district during the last five years.

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
3	2	NIL	4	3

## DEATHS

Males - 83; Females - 80; Total - 163

This gives a crude death-rate of 10.0 per 1,000 of the population. When corrected with the comparability factor\* (.91) the standardised death-rate is 9.1 as compared with a figure (provisional) of 11.2 for England and Wales.

\*The comparability factor takes account of the sex and age distribution of the population and makes the figures more comparable with that of other areas. The large proportion of deaths was due to conditions associated with old age.



# CANCER (MALIGNANT DISEASE)

There were 37 deaths from Cancer (16 males, 21 females), as compared with 28 last year and 32 in 1965.

## Classified Deaths from Cancer

Localisation	M.	F.	Total
Stomach ... ..	1	1	2
Lungs ... ..	7	2	9
Breast ... ..	-	5	5
Generative Organs ... ..	-	1	1
Other Sites ... ..	8	12	20
T O T A L S	16	21	37

## RESPIRATORY DISEASES

The deaths from these diseases, as compared with the last 2 years are shown in the following table:-

	1967	1966	1965
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-	-
Influenza	2		
Pneumonia	5	6	3
Bronchitis	8	7	7
Other respiratory diseases	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	17	15	11

## PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year 107 cases of Infectious Disease, other than Tuberculosis, were notified. Details are as follows:-

Table of Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Disease	Number Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Dysentery ... ..	4	-	-
Typhoid Fever ... ..	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever ... ..	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ... ..	-	-	-
Smallpox ... ..	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ... ..	8	-	-
Whooping Cough ... ..	2	-	-
Diphtheria ... ..	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis - Paralytic ... ..	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic ... ..	-	-	-
Pneumonia ... ..	-	-	5
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	-	-	-
Erysipelas... ..	1	-	-
Measles ... ..	91	-	-
Meningitis ... ..	1	1	-
T O T A L S	107	1	5

There were again no cases of Poliomyelitis in the area during the year.

There were no cases of food poisoning reported during the year.

When requested, disinfection was carried out by spraying infected rooms with formalin solution and fumigating with vapour.

#### TUBERCULOSIS

There have been two new cases of Tuberculosis during the year and one death from the disease.

At the end of the year there were 28 cases of Tuberculosis known, made up as follows:-

MALES		FEMALES		Total
Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
16	1	9	2	28

The number of cases is still on the decrease and compares with the corresponding numbers in surrounding areas.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES  
IN THE AREA

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION IN DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Bacteriological tests are undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory, Withington Hospital, Manchester.

The following is a statement of the bacteriological examinations carried out during the year.

Disease	Examinations	
	Total	Positive Negative
Typhoid Salmonella Dysentery	147	24 123
Other Examinations ... ..	-	- -
T O T A L S	147	24 123

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47  
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1951 - SECTION 1(3)

It was not necessary to resort to these powers regarding persons in need of care and attention.

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES AND SERVICES  
PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements of the National Health Service Act, 1946

I. Hospital Services

Controlling Body- Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

Local Hospitals - Governed by North West & Mid Cheshire Hospital Management Committee.

Group Secretary - Mr. E. Foden, Administrative Offices,  
Altrincham Maternity Home, Sinderland Road, Altrincham.

Hospitals serving this area:

General Acute Cases - Altrincham General Hospital and Denzell (Convalescent).

General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.

Withington Hospital, Manchester.

Maternity Hospitals - Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester.

Altrincham Maternity Hospital, Sinderland Road, Altrincham.  
Southfields, Langham Road, Bowdon.

Ear, Nose & Throat - St. Anne's Home, Woodville Road, Altrincham.

Infectious Diseases - Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.

Smallpox - Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, Near Bury.

A large proportion of patients from Hale are treated in the Manchester Hospitals.

II. General Practitioners and General Dental Services

Controlling Body- National Health Services Executive Council for Cheshire.

Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.



### III. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council

1. Ambulance Services - Ambulance Station, Manchester Road, Broadheath, Altrincham.  
Telephone Altrincham 3256 & Hulme Hall 4477.
- \*2. Immunisation and Vaccination.
- \*3. Care and After Care.
- \*4. Home Help Service.
5. Maternity & Child Welfare - The detailed arrangements are as follows:-  
The Child Welfare Centre is held every Wednesday at "Lister House" Broomfield Lane, Hale.  
  
The Child Welfare Clinic for Hale Barns is held at the new Welfare Centre, Shay Lane, Hale Barns, weekly on Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.
6. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing -  
District Nurses - Hale: Mrs. S. J. McGrath, 8 Westminster Road, Hale.  
Telephone Rinfway 7230.  
Miss Doherty, 1 Hawthorn Road, Hale.  
Telephone Altrincham 6523.  
  
Hale Barns: Position now vacant.
7. Dental Service - Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Pre-School Children -  
Dental Clinic - "Lister House", Broomfield Lane, Hale.
8. Mental Health Service -  
Duly Authorised Officer for Mental Health- Mr. J. Thompson, 59 Washway Road, Sale.  
Telephone Sale 2305.  
Junior Training Centre - Navigation Road, Altrincham.  
Adult Training Centre - Albert Place, Dunham Road, Altrincham.

These services are administered by the County Health Committee with the exception of those marked \* which are administered by the Altrincham Divisional Health Committee.

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C., and Bucklow R.D.C., and includes members of those Authorities, members of the County Council and Co-opted Members.

Divisional Medical Officer - W. Davidson-Lamb, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,  
The Mount, Altrincham.  
Telephone Altrincham 5323

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### B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

1. Education Committee - School Health Service, including School Dental Service -  
"Lister House", Broomfield Lane, Hale.
2. Welfare Committee - Old Persons, care and attention - homeless, handicapped persons, provision for residential accommodation etc.  
County Welfare Officer, Mr. G. Evans, County Hall, Chester.  
Area Welfare Officer, Mr. G. Woodburn, Stamford House,  
Stamford New Road, Altrincham. Telephone Altrincham 2735.
3. Children's Committee - Provides for the care of Deprived Children i.e. children not under parental care.  
Children's Officer for this area - Stamford House,  
Stamford New Road, Altrincham.

TABLE 1

## HALE URBAN DISTRICT

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## Causes of Death for the Year 1967

Cause of Death	M.	F.	Total
Respiratory Tuberculosis ... ..	1	-	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis... ..	1	-	1
Syphilitic Disease ... ..	-	-	-
Diphtheria ... ..	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ... ..	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection ... ..	-	-	-
Polyomyelitis ... ..	-	-	-
Measles ... ..	-	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	-	-	-
Cancer ... ..	16	21	37
Leukaemia ... ..	2	1	3
Diabetes ... ..	1	1	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	13	15	28
Coronary Disease, Angina ... ..	17	16	33
Hypertension with Heart Disease ... ..	1	-	1
Other Heart Disease ... ..	6	9	15
Other Circulatory Disease ... ..	5	2	7
Influenza... ..	-	2	2
Pneumonia... ..	3	2	5
Bronchitis ... ..	6	2	8
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ... ..	1	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea ... ..	-	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis... ..	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate ... ..	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..	-	-	-
Congenital Malformation ... ..	-	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases ...	8	4	12
Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	-	1	1
All other accidents ... ..	1	2	3
Suicide ... ..	-	1	1
T O T A L S	83	80	163

TABLE 2

## HALE URBAN DISTRICT

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT during 1967 and previous years

Year	Population middle of each year	BIRTHS		DEATHS			
		Number	Rate	Corrected Rate	Under 1 year of Age		
					Number	Rate per 1,000 Births	At all Ages Number Rate Corrected Rate
Average 1920 - 1929	10,769	122	11.49	-	6	54.4	95 9.79 -
Average 1939 - 1939	11,262	116	10.32	-	3	28.9	119 10.49 -
Average 1940 - 1949	11,929	146	12.3	-	5	33.5	147 12.3 -
Average 1950 - 1959	12,207	139	11.4	12.6	3	23.4	161 13.3 10.6
1957	12,480	147	11.9	13.6	3	20.4	162 13.0 10.5
1958	12,650	144	11.4	13.1	2	13.4	183 14.5 11.6
1959	13,000	202	15.5	16.9	4	19.8	170 13.8 10.7
1960	13,380	185	13.8	14.8	2	10.8	178 13.3 11.7
1961	14,690	233	15.9	16.2	1	4.29	180 12.3 11.5
1962	15,270	258	16.9	17.2	2	7.7	200 13.1 12.3
1963	15,570	270	17.6	18.7	3	10.9	192 12.3 11.6
1964	16,060	244	14.4	16.3	2	8.3	170 10.6 9.9
1965	16,210	247	15.2	16.2	-	-	180 11.1 10.0
1966	16,240	241	14.8	15.7	4	16.6	170 10.5 9.5
1967	16,270	310	12.9	13.7	3	14.3	163 10.0 9.1

Area of the District in acres (land and inland water) ... 2,264 (Statute)



TABLE 3

Cases of INFECTIOUS DISEASE notified during the YEAR 1967

	Total No. of cases Notified	AT AGES - YEARS										WARD DISTRIBUTION					Cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65	Over 65	Central	North	Well- Green	Boilin		
Scarlet Fever	8	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	2	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis- Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	4	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	91	2	25	37	24	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	31	12	32	16	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Ophthalmia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Necnatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
T O T A L S	107	2	27	46	28	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	38	13	38	18	1	7



## REPORT OF SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Hale Urban District Council.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1967 - my thirty-first as your Public Health Inspector.

Mr. K. Bury resigned as additional Public Health Inspector in May 1967 and was succeeded by Mr. R. Mortimer in September 1967.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER SUPPLY.

1. There are only two houses without mains water, both being several hundred yards from the nearest main.
2. No houses in the area are supplied from standpipes.

Mains water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation, and a constant supply of excellent quality is maintained.

I am indebted to the Engineer of the Manchester Corporation Waterworks for the following information with regard to the supply.

1. Water supply to the area has been satisfactory in quantity and quality.
2. During the year 489 bacteriological samples were taken from consumers taps in the Southern District of the Distribution area of which Hale forms part. 95.1% were coliform free and classes as excellent. 99.4% were free of coli Type 1 and in all cases where unsatisfactory samples were obtained repeat samples gave excellent results.

59 chemical analyses were carried out on samples taken in the Southern District.

#### Typical Analysis:-

Appearance	-	Clear, colourless, free from sediment.
Colour, hazen		4
Turbidity, ppm. silica		1
pH		7.6
Total alkalinity as ppm. CaCO <sub>3</sub>		16
Total hardness as ppm. CaCO <sub>3</sub>		22
Calcium as ppm. CaCO <sub>3</sub>		18
Chlorides, ppm. as Cl		8
Iron, ppm. Fe		0.09

3. The supply to Hale is a mixture of water from Thirlmere and Haweswater. The lead content of each of these waters was determined on three occasions and found to be less than 0.01 ppm.

Lime is added to both Thirlmere and Haweswater sources to correct plumbo-solvency.

4. If bacteriological or chemical contamination should be found flushing, swabbing or if necessary re-sterilisation of the mains would be carried out.

This was not necessary in the Hale area in 1967.

#### SEWERAGE.

The foul sewers in the area are adequate, but the Council continues to give consideration to the provision of a foul sewer in the Brooks Drive, Shay Lane area at present served by a multiplicity of septic tanks.

New surface water sewers have been provided in the Delahays Road/Moss Lane area, and in the Stamford Park area. This should eliminate long standing storm flooding in the area.

#### SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The newly enlarged sewage disposal works at Bankhall Lane are at present adequate for the needs of the district. The measures taken in the past 2 to 3 years to combat odours from the works appear to have been successful.

#### SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

2 pail closets have been abolished during the year. There remain 7 pail closets in the district and with the exception of 2 houses there is no available sewer. The possibilities of converting to water closets with the provision of a septic tank is not being overlooked but there is no statutory power to require this conversion in the absence of an available sewer. 4 of the houses so served are likely to be of short life.

## CLEAN AIR.

In pursuance of its declared 10 year programme to make all Hale smokeless, the Council made its first smoke control area covering some 414 premises in the Stamford Park Road, Queens. Road, Hale Road area. The estimated cost of the scheme is £21,850 of which £6555 will be paid by the Council and £8,740 by the Government. The order was confirmed by the Ministry on the 28th November 1967, and comes into operation on the 1st September 1968.

In an endeavour to compare the pollution in the various parts of the district, we now have 3 measuring stations at Council Offices, Ashley Road, "Halecroft" Hale Road, Hale Barns, and at Bradbury Secondary School, Queens Road, where daily measurements of solid matter and Sulphur Dioxide are made.

The average monthly figures for these 3 stations for solid matter and Sulphur Dioxide are given below for 1966 and 1967.

### Solid Matter

STATION		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.for year
Council Offices,	1966	168	130	127	303	81	49	56	47	76	193	191	140	130
Ashley Road.	1967	235	127	43	92	61	32	23	33	56	46	243	216	100
Halecroft, Hale	1966	-	-	90	137	89	47	25	32	58	145	138	90	92 *
Road,Hale Barns.	1967	172	76	29	53	38	23	16	29	36	29	152	147	67
Bradbury Secondary	1966	-	-	-	-	87	58	58	49	73	212	223	182	131 *
School Queens Road.	1967	274	173	75	100	63	34	24	38	62	61	288	252	121

### Sulphur Dioxide

STATION		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.for year
Council Offices,	1966	133	105	104	150	89	70	49	65	70	118	146	77	85
Ashley Road.	1967	124	88	44	90	61	56	46	41	52	35	152	122	76
Halecroft, Hale	1966	-	-	94	148	82	73	52	62	74	161	156	80	100 *
Road,Hale Barns.	1967	148	75	30	72	46	55	41	31	46	31	178	158	76
Bradbury Secondary	1966	-	-	-	-	95	79	62	74	80	158	203	130	115 *
School Queens Road.	1967	201	125	55	116	73	53	46	51	65	56	235	204	107

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Where the 1966 figures were not for the whole year, the figures for 1967 have been used to calculate averages. One should guard against giving too much emphasis to the reductions from 1966 to 1967.

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS & OTHER INSECT PESTS.

1 case bug infestation was discovered during the year. The help of the Department was sought on 173 occasions in eliminating other insects including Wasps, Ants, and Cockroaches - Gammexane, Zaldecide and Cymag were successfully used.



# PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

## SUMMARY OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

Inspections of dwelling-houses re complaints	...	...	...	406
Inspections re Council Housing Applications	...	...	...	25
Inspections and visits to Council Houses	...	...	...	60
Inspections re Housing Consolidated Regulations...	...	...	...	-
Number of visits re Infectious Disease & Food Poisoning	...	...	...	153
Inspections re keeping of animals	...	...	...	5
Inspections re Improvement Area	...	...	...	20
Inspections re Improvement Grants and loans for repairs	...	...	...	42
Inspections re atmospheric pollution measurement	...	...	...	495
Inspections re Smoke Control Area	...	...	...	304
Inspections of Schools	...	...	...	1
Inspections of Farms	...	...	...	2
Inspections of Dairies and Milk Shops	...	...	...	4
Inspections of Milk Vehicles	...	...	...	1
Inspections of premises re Manufacture of Ice Cream	...	...	...	2
Inspections of premises re sale of Ice Cream	...	...	...	12
Inspections of Ice Cream Vehicles	...	...	...	6
Inspections of Bakehouses	...	...	...	33
Inspections of premises registered for manufacture of sausage, preserved and potted meat	...	...	...	8
Inspections of Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	34
Inspections of Fishmongers' Shops or Vehicles	...	...	...	8
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	5
Inspections of other Food Shops & Stores	...	...	...	81
Inspections of Hotels, Cafes, Restaurants and Factory Canteens	...	...	...	22
Inspections of School Canteens	...	...	...	1
Inspections of Factories (with mechanical power)	...	...	...	38
Inspections of Factories (without mechanical power)	...	...	...	-
Inspections of other work premises	...	...	...	-
Inspections re Outworkers	...	...	...	1
Inspections re drainage and septic tank installations	...	...	...	124
Inspections re Rivers, Streams and Watercourses	...	...	...	10
Inspections of premises re Rats and Mice	...	...	...	125
Inspections of Houses and Shops re Insect Pests	...	...	...	116
Inspections re refuse collection and removal	...	...	...	899
Inspections of Refuse Tip	...	...	...	286
Inspections of Sewage Works	...	...	...	2
Inspections of Stables	...	...	...	1
Visits under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	324
Inspections under Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	2
Inspections of Hairdressers' premises	...	...	...	3
Inspections under Animal Boarding Acts	...	...	...	2
Inspections under Petroleum Acts and Regulations	...	...	...	20
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits	...	...	...	274
Visits re work ordered or in progress	...	...	...	85
				<u>3951</u>
				<u>4036</u>



## COMPLAINTS.

392 complaints were received and investigated during the year.

## NOTICES

Informal Notices served (including Verbal Intimation)	...	...	58
Statutory Notices served during the year	...	...	-
Informal Notices complied with during the year	...	...	53
Statutory Notices complied with during the year	...	...	-

## IMPROVEMENTS

### HOUSING.

Windows or doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brickwork pointing renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Dampness eradicated	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Baths provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Washbasins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Hot water supply provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Food storage accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Waste pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Wasps nests exterminated	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Disinfested - other insect pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rats and Mice exterminated	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
Other rodents exterminated	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Accumulations of manure or refuse, etc. removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dilapidated dustbins renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

### DRAINAGE.

Public sewers cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Choked drains - Private sewers - cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Drainage provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Septic tank plants cleansed or otherwise put in order	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Land drains cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

### SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Water closets repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Internal water closets provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Peil closets abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Improvements	...	...	...	...	...	...	11

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## HOUSING

### STATISTICS.

	Number of New Houses erected during the year.					
(a)	Total including numbers given separately under (b)					
	(i)	By the Local Authority	...	...	...	NIL
	(ii)	By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	NIL
	(iii)	By other bodies and persons	...	...	...	43
(b)	With State Assistance under the Housing Acts					
			...	...	...	NIL

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)					
		...	...	...	...	51
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose					
		...	...	...	...	51
(2)(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932)					
		...	...	...	...	NIL
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose					
		...	...	...	...	NIL
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation					
		...	...	...	...	NIL
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation					
		...	...	...	...	50

### 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers					
	...	...	...	...	46

### SLUM CLEARANCE.

The district has no slum clearance problem, there being very few of the older type of houses which can be the subject of demolition procedure.

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Twelve applications for standard grants were received during the year, of which 7 were for rented houses.

11 standard grant schemes were completed during the year; as a result of these schemes, 8 houses were provided with baths, 9 with wash-hand basins, 10 with proper food storage accommodation, 8 with hot water supply, and 9 with internal W.C.'s, 1 with septic tank drainage.

### CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR.

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair during the year.

### CARAVANS.

There are no caravans being used for living purposes in the district.

### COMMON LODGIN HOUSES.

There are no common lodgin houses in the district.

# OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The following is a list of the premises registered under this Act, by the end of the year.

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices ... ..	11	28	28
Retail shops ... ..	17	86	86
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments.. open to the public, and canteens ... ..	1	7	7
Fuel storage depots ...	-	-	-
TOTALS	29	122	122

Number of visits to Registered Premises ... .. 324

The number of people employed in the registered premises are as follows:-

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices ... ..	185
Retail shops ... ..	288
Wholesale departments, warehouses	167
Catering establishments open to the public ... ..	80
Canteens ... ..	6
Fuel storage depots ... ..	-
TOTAL	726
Total Males ...	301
Total Females ...	425

The following is a list of contraventions of the Act which have been found and remedied during the year as a result of action by the Public Health Department.

	Found	Remedied
Abstract of Act not displayed ... ..	63	44
Inadequate first aid equipment ... ..	35	29
Thermometer not displayed ... ..	39	29
Absence of hot water to washing facilities ... ..	12	10
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	4	2
Absence of lighting/defective/unsatisfactory condition ot toilets ... ..	23	18
Dirty washing facilities ... ..	2	1
Floor areas - worn/obstructed/hazardous ... ..	10	7
Absence of drinking facilities ... ..	1	1
Walls and ceilings require cleansing ... ..	22	13
Inadequate lighting ... ..	2	2
Staircases not provided with handrails/dangerous ... ..	8	4
Unsafe/unsuitable/absence of seats ... ..	2	2
Fittings dirty ... ..	6	4
Absence of satisfactory heating facilities ... ..	9	6
Inadequate provisions for storage of staff clothing ... ..	5	4
Premises not registered ... ..	30	22
Provision not made for staff to take meals ... ..	-	-
Unguarded machinery ... ..	1	1
	<u>274</u>	<u>199</u>

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Number of notices served ... ..	74
Number of notices complied with ... ..	44
Number of outstanding notices but work in hand to secure compliance ... ..	30



# FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

During the year 38 inspections of factories and workplaces were made.

## 1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health.

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspect- ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	2	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in(i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	29	38	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (including out-workers' premises) ...	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	31	20	1	-

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars  (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Reme- died (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -					
(a) insufficient ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes...	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relat- ing to out-work) . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	1	-	1	-

## OUTWORKERS.

1 outworker operating in Hale was notified and the circumstance are satisfactory.

## HAIRDRESSERS.

15 establishments are registered for Hairdressing under the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953. The registered establishments are generally of a fairly high standard from a hygienic point of view.

## MILK SUPPLY.

There are now no milk pasteurising plants in the area.

There are, however, 23 distributors retailing milk in Hale at the end of 1967.

## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

53 samples of milk were take for examination by the County Council. All but 3 proved satisfactory. The detailed results of 95 tests carried out were as follows:-

	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		Tuber- culosis		Turbidity Test		Total Examin- ations
	Satis- factory	Un- Satis- factory	Satis- factory	Un- Satis- factory	Nega- tive	Posi- tive	Nega- tive	Posi- tive	
T.T.(Pasteurised) Milk ... ..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
T.T. Milk ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pasteurised Milk	39	2	40	1	-	-	-	-	82
Sterilised Milk	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10
TOTALS	41	2	40	1	1	-	10	-	95

There was also 1 satisfactory sample of ultra heated treated milk.

2 samples were submitted for brucella examination but in neither cases were organisms of the brucella group isolated.

## ICE CREAM PREMISES.

Ice Cream is now manufactured for sale at only 1 premises in the district. In that case the mix is pasteurised in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1959. Ice Cream is also sold at 28 other premises in the district, in each case under satisfactory conditions.

Some 14 samples of Ice Cream were obtained during the year of which 13 were satisfactory.

## INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are no registered or licensed slaughterhouses in the district. In the main 13 butchers obtain their meat supplies from Manchester. 34 inspections have been made of the shops and vehicles, and the meat exposed for sale was of reasonable quality.

1 leg of lamb and 6 capons weighing 43 lbs. were condemned as unfit for food during the year.

## FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS.

The following is a summary of the various food premises in the district:-

- 26 Grocers Shops & Supermarkets
- 10 Bread & Confectionery Shops
- 1 Sweet Shop
- 12 Ice Cream & Sweet Shops
- 3 Cafes & Restaurants
- 8 Canteens
- 7 Public Houses
- 5 Off Licences
- 12 Butchers
- 12 Greengrocers and/or Fishmongers
- 4 Dairies
- 1 Fish & Chip Shop

In all some 209 inspections were made of the various premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food during the year.

There were only 5 complaints by householders regarding contaminated food etc. as compared with 7 last year. In every case the matter was taken up with the person believed responsible and suitable warnings given.

As directed by the Ministry of Health Circular 1/67 the position regarding the provision of wash-hand basins (Regulation 16) and sinks (Regulation 19) at the end of 1967 was as follows:-

	<u>No. of</u> <u>Premises</u>	<u>No. Fitted to</u> <u>comply with</u> <u>Regulation 16</u> <u>(Wash-hand Basins)</u>	<u>No. to which</u> <u>Regulation 19</u> <u>Applies</u>	<u>No. fitted to</u> <u>comply with</u> <u>Regulation 19</u> <u>(Sinks)</u>
Grocers & Mixed Shops	37	37	37	37
Sweets and/or Ice Cream Vendors ...	12	12	12	12
Cafes & Restaurants	3	3	3	3
School & other Canteens ...	8	8	8	8
Butchers' Shops ...	12	12	12	12
Greengrocers and/or Fishmongers ...	12	12	12	12
Public Houses ...	7	7	7	7
Fried Fish Shops ...	1	1	1	1
Others... ..	9	9	9	9

There are no egg pasteurising plants in the district.

There are no poultry processing plants in the district.



# FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955 - SAMPLING.

The taking of samples under the Food & Drugs Act 1955, is carried out by the Cheshire County Council:

I am indebted to Mr. W. K. Nattrass, Chief Weights & Measures Inspector, Cheshire County Council, for the following report under this heading, carried out during the year:-

Name of Sample	Number of Samples obtained	Number of non-standard Samples
Anchovy Sauce	1	1
Ascorbic Acid Tablets	1	
Aspirin (Childrens)	1	
Beef - Corned	1	
Brooklax Choc.Laxative Tablets	1	
Cheese Footballs	1	
Cherry Pie Filling	1	
Cream - Dairy	1	
Cyder	1	
Date & Walnut Cake	1	
Flour- plain	1	
Fruit Salad	1	
Ice Cream	1	
Margarine	1	
Marzine Travel Sickness Tablets	1	
Meat Pie	1	
Milks - fresh	44	
Milk of Magnesia Tablets	1	
Milk Pudding - Creamed Rice	1	
Mincemeat	1	
Noxacorn Corn Remover	1	
Olive Oil	1	
Redcurrant Jelly	1	
Rice - Patna, Long Grain	1	
Sausagemeat - Pork	1	
Shandy	1	
Soda - Bicarbonate of	1	
Soft Drinks - orange drink	1	
Strawberries (tinned)	1	
Tartar - Cream of	1	
Tea	1	
Vegetable & Liver Broth	1	
Vineger - Malt	1	
TOTALS	76	1

## Particulars of Samples not up to Standard

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Corned Beef	Containing a discoloured area known as sulphide blackening.	Manufacturer cautioned.

## Particulars of food complaints from private purchasers

<u>From</u>		
1. Private Purchaser	Glass in milk.	Bottlers cautioned.
2. - do -	Cigarette end in butter.	Packers cautioned.
3. - do -	Foreign matter in meat pie.	When analysed found to be meat tissue and meat fibre.
4. - do -	Black area in corned beef.	See No.1 on samples list.



## PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

The weekly emptying of ashbins was maintained throughout the year.

The work of the Department in this connection has grown considerably in the past few years, both in the number of houses covered and in the increased bulk of modern refuse. In addition the Council is called upon to an increasing degree to mover surplus household goods and furniture. These increased responsibilities call for considerable supervision particularly in view of the labour problems of today.

The collection of refuse is carried out by the Local Authority over the whole district.

Septic tanks, of which there are 70 in the district, are emptied free of charge by the Council as required.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Refuse Disposal is by controlled tipping at Grove Lane. From time to time it is necessary to tip into water, but by cutting off small segments of the pond, and tipping into the water in colder weather any nuisance is reduced to a minimum. Prompt covering of refuse has again succeeded in reducing fires, and there have been very few complaints from residents in the neighbourhood.

The tip is open on Saturday mornings so that residents may deposit miscellaneous rubbish, not usually collected as house refuse, and this facility is fairly well used.

The available tipping space at Grove Lane is not expected to last beyond 1969. The joint discussions with Sale, Altrincham, Bowdon and Bucklow Councils regarding a joint incinerator are proceeding slowly but the position is becoming increasingly urgent. Arrangements were made during the year for Bowdon U.D.C. to utilise our tip for their refuse, and when our tip is completely filled, Hale will then share the Bowdon tip with them. It is hoped that this joint arrangement will provide adequate tipping space for both authorities for 5 years by which time the joint incinerator will be in operation.

## PETROLEUM STORAGE PREMISES.

Supervision of premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit is carried out by the Public Health Inspector. Licences are in force in regard to 16 premises, and in all but one of these, storage is wholly underground.

All premises are inspected at least once a year in conjunction with the Cheshire County Fire Service, whose requirements must be complied with.

## RODENT CONTROL.

The Council continued to treat dwelling houses infested with rats and mice, free of charge.

Treatments is carried out by one of the Council's workmen, trained in disinfection methods.

Details are given hereunder of investigations and treatments carried out during the year:-

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	5,947	19
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification ... ..	119	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats... ..	98	-
(ii) Mice... ..	21	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification ... ..	-	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats... ..	-	-
(ii) Mice... ..	-	-

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. J. SEALEY,

Senior Public Health Inspector.



